



# Foreign Affairs Manual

## 12 FAM – Diplomatic Security

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## 12 FAM 80 PRIVACY ACT AND DECLASSIFICATION DIVISION (DS/PPB/PAD)

## 12 FAM 560 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

### Changes

1. This Change Transmittal updates the office symbol A/ISS to A/GIS in **12 FAM 08** and **12 FAM 560**.
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